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In re application of

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since the conditions therefor apply, Applicant submits herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an Office Action communication from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2005-514120 citing the listed documents. Other documents listed in the Japanese Office Action communication were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 17, 2006.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

1. An English language abstract of JP 2003-200052 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 2003-200052.
2. An English language abstract of JP 57-51809 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 57-51809.
3. An English language abstract of JP 03-064525 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 03-064525.
4. An English language abstract of JP 2003-221217 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 2003-221217.
5. An English language abstract of WO 03/026048 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 03/026048.

Applicant notes that JP 2003-500822 attached hereto is submitted with no English language translation because no English language translation was available; if the Examiner may need a further translation, please advise.


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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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